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For: IMPLANTABLE HERMETICALLY )  
SEALED HOUSING FOR AN IMPLANT- )  
ABLE MEDICAL DEVICE AND PROCESS )  
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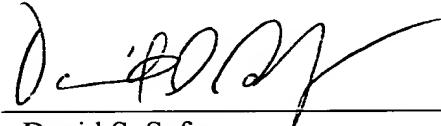
Enclosed is a copy of the European Search Report dated September 24, 2003.

Please note that DE 199 14 993 corresponds to 6,334,072. Additionally, U.S. 3,926,198 corresponds to DE 25 24 815.

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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